

## **Ramblers Sheffield 40's Walking Group**

### **Minutes of Committee Meeting**

The Fat Cat, Sheffield  
January 15th 2018  
7.30pm

Present - Wayne Grounsell, Chairman. Emma Myers, Group & Membership Secretary. Tracey Lyne, Socials and Weekends Away Co-ordinator. Julie Sweeting, Walks Co-ordinator.

Apologies: Jill Brogden, Treasurer. Jez Kenyon, Website Editor

Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

#### **1. Minutes of the last committee meeting of November 13<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Proposed by Tracey as a true record of the meeting and seconded by Julie.

#### **2. Matters arising not on the agenda**

None

#### **3. Chairman's Report**

##### **i) Calendars and Grid Reference Finders**

Have been distributed on socials, at events and on walks and have been very well received by members. One of each has been sent to Vanessa, Ramblers CEO. Still a few of each left so given to Julie to distribute where she can.

##### **ii) Accounts**

Wayne has sent an email to Jim Conibear which answers and addresses all his concerns and the matter is now closed.

##### **iii) First Aid Courses**

Julie will contact Martin Wick at Core Teaching Solutions for more details on the course and for clarification on the cost and will also contact Gavin our Area Treasurer to confirm Area funds will be available to meet the cost.

Re First Aid Kits, Julie will check at the next Walk Leaders' Meeting what the walk leaders want/don't want in the kits and will also find out if any walk leaders who haven't got a kit want one. She will then feedback to Tracey for ordering/distribution.

##### **iv) Area AGM**

January 27<sup>th</sup> at Rotherham. Details are on our website.

#### **4. Secretary's Report**

All membership records are up to date. As at the end of December have 240 active members with a further four having joined so far in January. We have seen several new faces on recent walks.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Jill was unable to attend the meeting but sent in a report as follows.

##### Socials

Tracey's recent socials have the following outcome -

Anniversary meal made a surplus of £47.01

Christmas party made a surplus of £60.90 (less any expenses Tracey may have outstanding)

##### Calendars

Payment for the promotional calendars of £252.00 has been made to Kevin.

##### Walk related

There is money in the bank should Julie wish to go ahead with the first aid course for walk leaders.

##### Funding

I have emailed our expenses for hosting last year's Area AGM to Gavin to claim back, as we discussed. Total amount £82.16

##### Bank

Balance is currently at £527.28

#### **6. Walk Co-ordinator's Report**

Julie confirmed the Walk Leaders' meeting went well and that she is arranging a further meeting for February 12<sup>th</sup>.

There are 22 gaps in the Walk Calendar in the next twelve weeks but offers of walks are coming in regularly and Julie is confident these gaps will be filled going forwards.

##### **i) Guest Speakers at Walk Leaders' Meetings**

Discussed as a possibility. All agreed would be a good idea. Julie has a few ideas on people/organisations to approach and will make some enquiries.

##### **ii) Julie's Holiday Cover**

Peter Robinson has agreed to provide cover for the basics (eg actioning emails, inputting walks to the calendar etc) whenever Julie is away.

##### **iii) Equipment Borrowing**

Julie will put together from previous communications a list of what is available and will pass the information on to the walk leaders. It is all available for loan. Anyone wishing to borrow anything should contact Wayne to arrange to collect it.

#### iv) Unsuitable Clothing

Our policy is clear on the website. Walk leaders should challenge any individual who turns up for a walk inadequately dressed and where appropriate can refuse to let an individual take part on a walk if he/she is unsuitably dressed.

### **7. Social Co-ordinator's Report**

A New Members Night took place on November 17<sup>th</sup> and both the Christmas Meal and walks and the Christmas Party were well supported and very much enjoyed by all.

A meeting of the Social Committee is to take place next week at which the events for the next six months will be agreed and put on the calendar by the middle of February. The aim is to have at least one social event each month.

### **8. Weekends Away Co-ordinator's Report**

Two weekends are already on the calendar, Skye in April (now fully booked) and Keswick in June.

Jane and Kath have put forward Stainsby Music Festival in July and Tracey will contact James for details of his Kettlewell weekend, also in July.

Tracey is starting to think about ideas and venues for New Year – several suggestions were put forward including York, Whitby, Llandudno, Buxton and Bakewell. Tracey will make some enquiries and report back.

### **9. Web Editor's Report**

Jez was not present but had advised there were no issues to report.

### **11. Further Items for Discussion**

None

### **12. Any Other Business**

Emma asked if the Group policy of dogs on short leads only could be reinforced to the members.

### **13. Date of Next Meeting**

March 19th at the Fat Cat, 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.